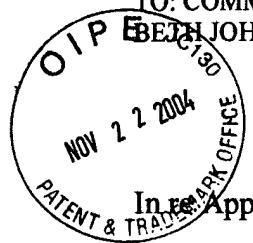


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In re Application of: W. Perry ARNOLD et al.

Serial No.: 10/644,238 : Group Art Unit: 3763

Filed: August 20, 2003 : Examiner: Matthew DeSanto

For: **Shielded Tip Catheter**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004,

Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-11 for examination, with traverse.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction between two inventions: (I) claims 1-11, drawn to a multilumen catheter, classified in class 604, subclass 523, and (II) claims 12-15, drawn to a method of inserting a catheter over a guide wire, classified in class 128, subclass 898. Further, the Examiner determined that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Set 1: Figure 4, 8 – Species A, B respectively.

Applicants respectively submit that claims 1-11 are generic with respect to Figures 4 and 8. The only difference between Figs. 4 and 8 are the distal ends 114, 214, respectively. The circular side openings 154 in Fig. 4 have been moved distally in Fig. 8 to become semicircular openings just proximal of the distal end 214.